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Applicant: Darla M. Lynn )  
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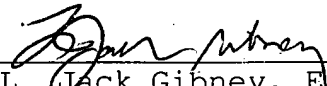
**RESPONSE**

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Honorable Commissioner:

This response addresses the concerns raised in the Office Action Summary, which was mailed on December 5, 2005 and received by the undersigned on December 7, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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